

American Historical Fiction

City of Light Belfer, Lauren

The exploitation of Niagara Falls to generate electricity leads to a murder involving members of Buffalo's ruling class. (Fic BEL)

March Brooks, Geraldine

A story inspired by the father character in "Little Women" who leaves his family behind to serve in the Civil War. Drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father. (FIC BRO)

The Rope Eater Jones, Ben

Brendan Kane defects from the Union army after he realizes he cannot handle the horrors of the Civil War and drifts north, where he joins a crew of the Pequod on an expedition to the heart of the Arctic. (Fic JON)

The Known World Jones, Edward

An African farmer and former slave in antebellum Virginia becomes proprietor of his own plantation, as well as of his own slaves. (Fic JON)

Bandbox Mallon, Thomas

Humorous tale of a men's magazine and its competitor set in Manhattan during the 1920s. (Fic MAL)

The Light in the Forest Richter, Conrad

After being raised as an Indian for 11 years following his capture at age 4, John Butler is forcibly returned to his white parents but continues to long for the freedom of Indian life. (Fic RIC)

Jamestown Sharpe, Matthew

A group of survivors from the ravaged island of Manhattan follow the aristocratic John Ratcliffe to southern Virginia, where they repeat the mistakes of the earliest settlers and face danger, betrayal, and brutal conditions. Incredibly off-beat, black humor. (Fic SHA)

Also Highly Recommended:

Banks, Russell Cloudsplitter (Fic BAN)

Charyn, Jerome Johnny One-Eye: a Tale of the American Revolution (Fic CHA)

Conde, Maryse

I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem (Fic CON)

Fast, Howard any title (Fic FAS)

Frazier, Charles Cold Mountain (Fic FRA)

Gaines, Ernest *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* (Fic GAI)

Grimes, Roberta My Thomas: a Novel of Martha Jefferson's Life (Fic GRI)

Hall, Brian I Should be Extremely Happy in Your Company: a Novel of Lewis and Clark (Fic HAL)

Johnson, Denis *Tree of Smoke* (Fic JOH)

O'Brien, Tim The Things They Carried (Fic OBR)

Morrison, Toni Beloved (Fic MOR)

Shaara, Michael The Killer Angels (Fic SHA)

Styron, William Confessions of Nat Turner (Fic STY)

Vidal, Gore any title (Fic VID)

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